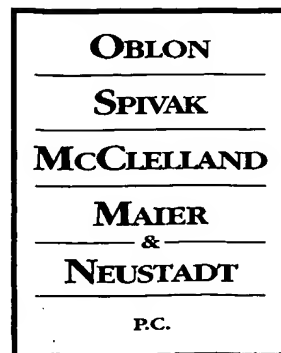




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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on May 12, 2004, Applicants wish to make of record the discussion held with Examiner Bucci on May 18, 2004. At that time, the Examiner indicated that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was improperly sent, and that the objection to claim 6 was withdrawn. No further amendment is therefore believed to be required, and Applicants respectfully solicit an early and favorable action on the merits.

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